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CHINA'S TREATY DEMANDS

Request For Return Of Ryukyu Islands

48 Per Cent Of Reparations

Shanghai, Dec. 16. China's final draft of the peace treaty for Japan calls for a "revision" of the Tenno (Heavenly Emperor) system and a formal demand for the "return" of the Ryukyu Islands to China, according to a Nanking dispatch in the usually reliable Chinese daily Shun Pao. The report, quoting unnamed authoritative sources, claimed that China will seek to "establish the Emperor's relation with the war" and seek a new title for the Japanese chief executive.

Bus Co. Employees Obdurate

Yesterday passed with no sign of any settlement of the bus strike on the island, which enters its seventh day today.

At a conference with the press last evening the strikers reaffirmed their determination not to return to work until their demands were met in full.

The men walked out a week ago today when the Company refused their demand for a year's bonus upon retirement after ten years service, and also the right to retire after this period of employment.

No further attempt has been made to bring lorries over from Kowloon, while the drivers of the seven vehicles brought over on Saturday refused to take part in running them, when it was announced the service was to under the supervision of the China Motor Bus Company.

At a meeting of the motor Drivers Association, of which the strikers are members, held on Monday evening, it was resolved that if the Traffic Authorities really wanted lorries to run along routes on the island not served by trams, the Association would have its members operate the vehicles, but in no circumstance would they allow the Bus Co. to have any control over them.

Go Ahead Signal For Germany?

Frankfurt, Dec. 16. American observers predicted today that western Germany would begin to take shape as an interim state, union or confederation almost immediately as a result of the collapse of the Big Four talks in London.

German political leaders of the economically-mixed British and American zones already are prepared for such a development and are expected to take initiative in trying to bring it about. The ground-work will be laid at a meeting of representatives of western Germany's two major parties—the right wing Christian Social Union and the left-wing Social Democrats—who assembled here today to draft definite proposals for the formation of a government.

"In the face of the results of the London conferences," said one prominent member of the Christian Democratic Party, "we must now go ahead. We can do nothing else. Western Germany's economic crisis—her future as a vital part of western Europe—demands that we unite western Germany."

Observers believe the Germans will be given the go-ahead to organise the bi-zonal economic council on a political basis.

German quarters predict that the ministers-president of the eight states in the British-American area then will offer a plan for the creation of a unified "western Germany" with a limited central government serving the states' rights.

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AGREEMENT ON YANGTZE?

Nanking, Dec. 16. The British Embassy spokesman said today he had no information on reports that China and Britain had already concluded an agreement to open Yangtze River ports to British shipping.—United Press.

No Wonder He Tried Suicide!

St. Paul, Dec. 16. A middle-aged Chicagoan, who boasts he has 55 wives, tried to commit suicide in a Federal Court cell with poison he had concealed in the heel of his shoe.

He is John Hurley, 44, on trial on charges of swindling Mrs. Barbara Kishler, a St. Paul widow, of \$9,000 in cash and property.

Six other women accused Hurley in money matters and the Federal authorities said several others claimed he married them to obtain money.

Shortly before his poison attempt newsmen asked Hurley about his wives. He smiled broadly and replied: "Wives? I have 55 of them."

He was taken to hospital where attendants said his condition from poison was serious. However, he was expected to recover.—United Press.

PEACE LIKELY IN INDO-CHINA

Peace is expected shortly in Viet Nam (French Indo-China) where the French and Viet Namese have been fighting for almost three years, according to reliable information received by the "China Mail" late last night.

The former Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, it was learned, is leaving Hong Kong in a few days to Paris to complete agreements with the French Government for the complete unification and independence of Céchin-China, Annam and Tonkin.

Despite the refusal by Mr. Lun Duc Trung (Bao Dai's accredited spokesman) last night to comment on the ex-Emperor's impending departure, the "China Mail" learned from reliable foreign quarters that he yesterday went through the usual formalities for obtaining a passport and visa for France.

It is learned that the French Government has agreed to recognise the authority of the ex-Emperor and the unification and independence of Viet Nam. The March 8 Agreement (1946) between the French and Dr. Ho Chi Minh, it is understood, will be automatically nullified.

General Nguyen Van Xuan, President of the Cochin-China Provisional Government, is expected to arrive in Hong Kong by special plane today from Saigon to put his services at the disposal of the former Emperor.

The Viet Nam General will be accompanied by an aide de camp. His private secretary, Nguyen Huu Tri, arrived in Hong Kong last week.

Dominion's Ban Raised

Sydney, Dec. 16. New Zealand has lifted the ban imposed since 1920 on Chinese-speaking permanent domicile in the country.

Chinese under the following categories have been permitted to become permanent residents: families and children of overseas Chinese who entered New Zealand as refugees during the war; students who have studied in New Zealand over five years; and businessmen who have been employed over five years.

As a result of the modification of immigration restrictions, more than 1,000 overseas Chinese are now qualified to become permanent residents.—Associated Press.

Below Zero In Nanking

Nanking, Dec. 16. Nanking today is shivering in the first snowfall of winter. The mercury dropped to a new low of one degree (Cent) below zero.

The Central Weather Bureau predicted that rain and snow would continue today with a slight better weather tomorrow.

Reports from the Weather Bureau indicated that the entire Yangtze delta is under sub-zero weather today, with the possible exception of the mercury dipping lower before the day is over.—Central News.

CATHOLIC BISHOP MURDERED

Nanking, Dec. 16. A Chinese Catholic bishop named Kung Chao-ning was brutally murdered when Communists raided the Catholic church in Sinchiang in southwest Shansi province early this month.

At the same time, the Red raiders took away with them three other priests, including one of Dutch nationality and 21 Chinese and foreign nuns, of whom nothing has been heard since.

Bishop Kung's body, covered with wounds, was discovered outside the wall. His head had been decapitated. The report said that some of the Chinese Christians who attempted to save the Bishop was also murdered.

In Wensh, city in south Shansi, a Dutch Father was stoned to death and then decapitated.—Reuters-AAP.

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CHINA MAIL CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

Which will be issued with to-morrow's edition of the "China Mail."

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POW Staffs' Trials

Yokohama, Dec. 16. Trials of Japanese accused of war atrocities against Allied POWs will go into their third year here on Wednesday with cases against 430 defendants already finished. 35 pending in death sentences.

There were 19 acquittals and one suspended sentence. Sentences imposed were hanging 33, life imprisonment 26, 50 years one, 40 years or over 14, 30 years or over 30, 20 years or over 60, 10 years or over 93, one year or over 152, six months one; acquitted and suspended sentence one.

These were tried in 197 cases.

Defendants were divided into 112 officers, 90 non-coms, 49 privates, 133 civilians employed by the armed forces and 46 civilians such as guides employed by private companies using prisoners.—Associated Press.

Nightly better weather to-morrow.

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EXILE SIAM GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG?

Nanking, Dec. 16. Siam Ambassador to China said today that talks for formation of an exiled Siam Government are proceeding in Hong Kong. It was confirmed that Luang Arthathorn Eamchorn, Foreign Minister of the Luang Thamrong Cabinet, has already escaped safely to Hong Kong on his way to the United States.

The Ambassador said that the "Luang Thamrong Government" is still existing in Siam and that he had received instructions from his Government asking him to continue his work in China.—Central News.

KOWLOON CITY CASE

Order For Eviction Granted By Court

The first shot in the "Battle of Kowloon Walled City" was fired by Mr. S. A. Fowler, Land Bailiff, in the Kowloon Court yesterday when he successfully applied before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr for an order for the forcible eviction of the 70 owners and/or occupiers of sheds illegally erected on Crown Land; for the demolition of the structures, and for the removal of the material. As they publicly announced when the summonses were served on Dec. 11, none of the 70 persons summoned entered an appearance in Court. Despite the "storm" raised by the Chinese Press in Nanking and Canton over the "Kowloon Evictions," there was not a single spectator when the summonses were called by the Court usher.

The local Chinese Press, including the "Central News Agency," was present in full force, and took a profound interest in the proceedings.

Replying to another question, Mr. Fowler declared that none of the owners or occupiers had a permit from the Government. He agreed with the Magistrate that "they were, in fact, squatters."

Alternative Site

Continuing, Mr. Fowler said that he had been authorised to state that "If these people are genuinely desirous of obtaining a place to live, Government will favourably receive applications, through the Relief Section (Medical Headquarters), for a site at Tsat Tae Muil (Quarry Bay Refugee Camp) or to Crown Land Office, Public Works Department, to lease a piece of Crown Land on a temporary permit to erect a structure for domestic purposes, the plans for which must be submitted through an authorized architect, and comply with the Building Ordinance."

Mr. Fowler went on to reveal that not all the occupants are residents of the Walled City. Many of them are employed in factories in Kowloon City and moved into the Walled City for convenience.

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CONTROL BODY ON THE JOB

Shanghai, Dec. 16. The newly-established Finance Control Bureau today ordered police investigation into four banks, silversmiths and exchange banks suspected of handling black market transactions. This was the first "expedition" undertaken by the bureau.

Meanwhile the black market U.S. dollar was quoted at CN\$143,000 in United Press.

Seeking Amicable Solution

Shortly after his return from Nanking via Shanghai by plane yesterday afternoon, Mr. T. W. Kwok, Special Commissioner for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, the Foreign Affairs Ministry, made a statement on the Kowloon City issue.

Mr. Kwok said that he would follow the instructions of the Chinese Government to seek an amicable solution over the Kowloon City issue.

Mr. Kwok stated that legal aspects and practical problems arising from the situation should be left to British and Chinese authorities to seek a reasonable settlement.—Central News.

ANGLO-P.I. TALKS ON AIR PACT

Manila, Dec. 16. Representatives of the British and Philippine Governments are reported to have concluded preliminary talks for the conclusion of a civil aviation agreement between the two countries. Details are not available.—Central News.

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THE WEATHER

The anti-cyclone centring over Manchuria continues to intensify. Depression in the East Sea and over Manchuria has deepened and is moving E.N.E. Pressure remains low over the equatorial region.

Forecast—N.E. wind, strong off shore, partly cloudy, becoming cooler.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 73.6 deg. Fahr.

Minimum: 58.8 deg. Fahr.

Rainfall: 0.01 in.

Wind: 10 deg. N.

Cloud: 100%.

Visibility: 10 miles.

Barometer: 30.06 in.

Wind Direction: N.E.

Wind Velocity: 10 mph.

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**SHOE SHINE BOY
KILLED**

A shoe shine boy, aged about 15, was killed instantly about 6:30 p.m. yesterday when he was knocked down by motor lorry 5769 opposite 22 Wing Lok Street. The lorry was travelling from East to West.

In another traffic accident which occurred at about 11 a.m. a 13-year-old student named Ho Shiu-kwong was knocked down by a private motor car in Waterloo Road, Kowloon, causing head injuries which necessitated his detention in Kowloon Hospital.

"SUMIRE" SUNK BY GUNS OF PACIFIC FLEET UNITS

Practice Shell Only Used

The ex-Japanese destroyer "Sumire" was sunk by gun fire by units of the British Pacific Fleet at 9:45 p.m. on Monday, it was announced yesterday.

The "Sumire" was a destroyer of 1,350 tons displacement which formed part of the British share of reparations from the Japanese Navy. In view of the condition of her boilers she was not in a fit state to be steamed to Great Britain for scrapping. Most of her equipment was therefore removed from the ship at Hong Kong and she was loaded with some 300 tons of redundant and unserviceable ammunition for disposal by dumping in deep water.

Sunday she was towed out of the Harbour by H.M.S. "Constance" and to a position about 80 miles east of Hong Kong. At 7:30 a.m. on Monday "Sussex", "London", "Concord", "Alacrity" left harbour under the command of Rear Admiral R.D. Oliver, C.B.E., D.S.O., Flag Officer Commanding 5th Cruiser Squadron.

H.K.V.D.C. Men Board

Among 70 officers and nearly 200 other ranks of the Army, Royal Air Force and the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps who embarked in the ships on Sunday evening to witness the firings were Major General G. W. E. Erdine, C.B., D.S.O., and General C. H. Gardner, C.B.E., who is on a visit to Hong Kong. These officers were the guests of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, in H.M.S. "London."

The firings were carried out with the object of giving experience to the gunnery control teams of the ships in firing at a ship target by day and by night. In order that the "Sumire" should survive until night fall, practice shell (which contains no high explosive) was used throughout.

Coloured Splashes

Individual firings were carried out by "Constance", "Concord", "Alacrity" by day, followed by

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 11:00 p.m., and also on 952 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12:15 to 1:15, 6:30 to 7:30 and 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. H.K.T.

12:15 p.m.—Studio: Morning Prayers.
12:30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12:32 p.m.—Light Variety.
1:00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1:12 p.m.—Musical Interlude.
1:15 p.m.—Gospel "Lyric Solo"..., Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.
1:30 p.m.—R.R.C. Transcription Service: "Music for Romance", Bert Leopold and His Players with Jack Cooper on port on Sunday.

2:00 p.m.—Close Down.
6:00 p.m.—Studio: Children's Half Hour.
6:30 p.m.—Studio: Anniversary Half Hour presented by Monica Jackson.
7:00 p.m.—London Relay World and Home News.
7:15 p.m.—World Health Organisation "The Fight against Cholera in Egypt".

7:30 p.m.—Studio: "Bring You Music" Classical Request Programme presented by Marion Glover.
8:00 p.m.—Studio: Translation Service: "Music from the Organ".
8:30 p.m.—Studio: "Music from the Organ".
9:00 p.m.—London Relay News.
9:10 p.m.—Weather Report.
9:11 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
9:30 p.m.—R.R.C. Transcription Service: "Piano Concerto" by P.C. Wren Episode 1. The Blue Water.

10:00 p.m.—Excerpts from the Opera "Andrea Chenier" by Glaziani.
10:20 p.m.—Piano Duets by Rawicz and Sanderson.

10:40 p.m.—Famous Conductors: Eugene Ormandy with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

10:55 p.m.—Studio Epilogue.
11:05 p.m.—Close Down.

The hundreds of pedestrians in Des Voeux Road, yesterday morning never suspected the danger looming ahead on the fourth floor of the National Commercial Savings Bank Building, at the junction of Des Voeux Road and Ice House Street.

Tung Chung, a radio engineer, however, knew of it, but too late

—brick from repair works on the fourth floor dropped out of the "danger area" and caused a gaping wound on his left forehead.

Tung, who was on his way home to Happy Valley after inspecting a radio at the Acme Company, was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

Risked His Own Life

Another "risking his own life" came (a sequel to the one heard by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon on Dec. 10) was heard by the same Magistrate yesterday, when Chan Kim-man alias Chan Tsui, 21, travelling trader, 88 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, was charged with counselling and procuring Chan Cheung and Wu Shui-hel to pass him two packages containing four radios, while he was on an Express train, on Dec. 9.

Dt. Sub-Asst. C. Cole said that about a week ago two Chinese, Chan Cheung and Wu Shui-hel, were charged with trespassing on the permanent way, and with doing an act likely endangering their lives by attempting to pass two radios sets to passengers on an Express train.

The two were arrested by Det. Sgt. Chan Lap-kei and his men at Hung Hom. They claimed that they were employed by the man on the train and were paid \$10 each for the job.

Defendant was arrested on his return from Canton, said DS1 Popo, and admitted being the owner of the four sets, two in the possession of each coolie.

In a statement in Court, accused said that he did not endanger his own life as he used a hook to "fish" for the sets left on the permanent way by the coolies.

He did not want to declare the sets at the Tsimshatsui Customs because the valuation there was considerably higher than that of Shumchun. Furthermore, where he is in Tsimshatsui had to pay the duty in Hong Kong dollars, in Shumchun he would pay in Chinese dollars at the official rate of exchange.

He did not tell the two men where to place the radios. His only arrangement was that they place them somewhere along the line and he would "fish" for them as soon as his train passes.

DS1 Popo pointed out that the two coolies stated that they were told to go to the Hung Hom bridge by defendant who promised them \$5 each. Defendant claimed he paid them \$10 per man.

In imposing a fine of \$250, the Magistrate told accused: "You must not do a funny think like that." The radios were ordered to be returned to Chan.

One of them, with a previous conviction, was sentenced to six months hard labour, and the remainder to three months' hard labour. All were ordered to be expelled.

Inspector J. Orem said that the men were stowaways on the s/s "Bolshevik" and were discovered when the ship arrived in Manila Bay. They were kept in Manila for two days, and then sent back to Hong Kong by the "Tjisadane" which arrived in port on Sunday.

Appearing on remand before Mr. F. X. d'Almas at Central Magistracy yesterday, Leung Kwong-wo, 32, Director of the Civil Affairs Bureau, Luk Fu District, Kwangtung, was fined \$25 for possession of a .38 revolver and 18 rounds of ammunition without a permit.

Leung was arrested by the Revenue Officer on Dec. 9 as he was about to board the s/s "Wusuei" for Canton. He explained that he was taking his family back to the country and was only passing through. It was the first time he had been to Hong Kong, and he was not aware of the law prohibiting the carrying of arms.

Inspector Cashman, prosecuting, and the Police were satisfied with Leung's character and official position, and a nominal fine would meet the case.

The revolver and ammunition were ordered to be detained by the police pending a permit being taken out by Leung.

The Annual Speech Day of Queen's College will be held on January 10 next at 10 a.m. The scholarship and prizes will be distributed by Mr. Richard Lee.

The Magistrate also recommended that defendant's licence be suspended for a year.

"We have got to deal with these traffic accidents. Drivers will

got to learn that they have a powerful lethal weapon in their motor vehicles, and that it is up to them to take all necessary care and precaution," said Mr. Blair-Kerr.

The vehicle was in second gear and going at a rather fast speed, and was swaying from side to side. The lorry kept on swaying and, at the next bend, overturned on its side, skidding 50 feet before coming to a stop. The two deceased men were pinned under it.

Defendant himself escaped with slight injuries to his back and left foot, said DS1 Watt.

Although accused said that the brakes were ineffective, a test proved that they were in sound order and condition.

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The abovementioned articles will be open for inspection at their respective godowns on 15th and 16th December, 1947, between 10 a.m. and noon and between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Inspection Permits will be issued by the Undersigned at the Service Auction Rooms.

The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12 of 9th March, 1946.

A. E. B. da SOUSA,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1947.

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WAR MEMORIAL FUND FLAG DAY

Will all Hong Kong ladies who have volunteered to sell flags on Saturday, 20th December, please collect their tins, trays and flags from the War Memorial Fund Room, 1st floor, Supreme Court (entrance from Statue Square side), between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Friday, 19th December.

Kowloon sellers should collect from the lobby of the Peninsula Hotel between the same hours on the same day.

NOTICE

Maryknoll Former Students Association

All former students who have not yet registered their names and addresses with the secretary are requested to send same for registration to the

Acting Secretary,
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114 Argyle Street,
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URBAN COUNCIL NOTICE

PRIVATE CREMATIONS.

The Urban Council is now able to undertake private cremations at the Government Crematorium at:

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5. Further particulars may be obtained from the Health Inspector's Office Cemeteries (Tel. No. 59459).

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1947.

Big Four Adjourn

Indefinitely

London, Dec. 15.

The Council of Foreign Ministers tonight adjourned indefinitely. The decision came after their longest session of the present Conference. The Foreign Ministers' deputies, however, will meet tomorrow.

Mr. George Marshall (United States) proposed the adjournment at the end of today's meeting. This was generally believed to have been the "show-down" session after last Friday's bitter discussions over German reparations.

M. V. Molotov (Russia) had put forward new Russian proposals for solving the problem of the Austrian peace treaty. Russia would take two-thirds of the oil production of the territory of eastern Austria instead if the views of all its members were taken into account.

Mr. Ernest Bevin said: "We regard a settlement in Germany as urgent. If we do not manage to get it here and now at this conference, it will be very disappointing to me. My final word is, with a deep feeling of regret, that our experience in Moscow and here in London, and the way we have been treated and accused, make me wonder—I will put it no higher than that—whether this is a problem we will ever be able to settle."

The breakdown of the Conference came suddenly and dramatically with the problem of Germany's future still unsolved and only half their agenda completed in 17 meetings.

URBAN COUNCIL

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate which should be clearly marked "Tender for Structural Alterations to Sanitary Department Vehicles" will be received at the office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, 2nd January, 1948, for structural alterations to twenty-three Sanitary Department vehicles.

Forms of tender, specifications and further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Urban Council, General Post Office Building, Top Floor.

Tenderers must attach to each tender deposit receipt showing that they have deposited at the Treasury, Prince's Building, the sum of \$500.00 as a pledge of the bona fides of their tenders, which sum shall be forfeited to the Hong Kong Government if the successful tender fails or refuses to carry out his tender. The deposits will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

R. W. H. MAYNARD,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1947.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Purchase of the Foreign Type Motor Boat and one Cargo Junk", will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, 2nd January, 1948, for the purchase of one Foreign type motor boat (without motor) 28 x 8'4" x 3'10" and one cargo junk 26' x 8' of approximately 124 piculs.

Further particulars and permission to view may be obtained from the Superintendent, Engineer, Government Slipway, Yaumati.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

11th December, 1947.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 35 OF 1947

HONG KONG HARBOUR.

REMOVAL OF SUBMERGED OBSTRUCTION

The submerged obstruction fouling Commercial Buoy A18 has been removed.

Hong Kong Notice to Marinars No. 34 of 1947 is therefore cancelled.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Office,
Hongkong, 16th December, 1947.

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BRITISH REDS TO WAGE WAR? No Support For Production Drive Four-Point Plan For Future Action

London, Dec. 15. Britain's Communist Party officially abandoned support for the Labour Government's production drive at an executive meeting last weekend.

The Executive called on Communists in the trade union movement who hold important positions in the mining, engineering and electrical industry to pursue the fight for improved wages and conditions without concessions to Government.

In an address to the Executive, the Party Secretary, Mr. Henry Pollitt, pointed out that under the Marshall plan, "production increases will not be utilised for the benefit of Britain or the people but will be subordinated to the general aims of American policy."

This, in the view of observers here, appear to bring the British Communists into line with the new industrial policy adopted by their French comrades since the establishment of the Cominform. Just as the French Communist leader, Maurice Thorez, publicly criticised his party's weaknesses in fighting the French Government and the "rightwing Socialist leaders" at the end of October, so Mr. Pollitt now confessed that "we were late in appreciating the full scale of the drift to the right of the Labour Government and clung to old formulas and approaches after it had revealed itself in the instrument of the imperialist camp." "Reactionary"

While it had been "absolutely correct" for the party "to lead the fight for increased production" at the time, and they had reason to be proud of their record, it had now to be realised that "any tendency to separate the issue of production from the main issue of a change in policy necessarily can only result in trailing behind the Government's reactionary policy," Mr. Pollitt said.

He made an exception for the Communist miners' leader, Mr. Arthur Horner, whose campaign fight for increased production had been successfully combined with the fight for improved wages and conditions, "so that no misunderstandings could arise."

The Secretary summed up his conclusions in a four-point programme of party action in future in which the production drive was no longer mentioned. Instead, emphasis was placed on:

1. Defence of working class standards of living by opposition to every further sacrifice.

2. Demands for wage increases to compensate for increased production.

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DEATH

GUTTERRES.—Dr. D.M.P. Gutierrez, Surgeon on board Indo-China S.N. Co., Ltd. as, "Loksang" as the sad result of an accidental fall into the ship's hold at Kobe, Japan on the 10th Dec. 1947.

HOTEL RATES

It is perhaps purely coincidental that the mounting total of prosecutions against principal tenants for breaches of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance by charging excessive rents should have given rise to louder and wider protest against hotel rates. Let it be said at once, however, that there is a close affinity and that it is a fairly natural reaction to indications of firmer official action in one direction; to enquire why the easier and not less obvious point is not also attacked. We should have thought, indeed, that this was a matter of direct interest to the Government since a very high proportion of civil servants is compelled to reside in the hotels, and the bill has to be footed out of public funds. It is not against the daily rates that criticism is levelled. It is against the refusal by hotel management to accept clients on any other basis than the daily rate, their refusal to make any concession to permanent residents as they could and should by quoting on a monthly basis. Government may have good and sufficient reason for refraining from intervention. But those who find themselves unable to obtain accommodation elsewhere and are monthly required to meet charges roughly six to seven times the cost of equivalent room and service prior to the Pacific War, and are not subsidised by government, would like (if there is a satisfactory reason) to be informed of the facts. As they see it now, there is something puzzling about a Landlord and Tenant Ordinance which limits the legal rights of landlords to increase rents, whether for business or commercial premises, and excludes its application to hotels. Private residential hotels, otherwise known as boarding houses, are equally immune to effective control, although in many cases operators are themselves tenants and are protected, presumably, from iniquitous increases in rents. The principal tenant of the ordinary tenement block is, according to law, under severe restrictions as to how much he may charge his sub-tenants in relation to the total rental. The wide discrimination in favour of the lessee of private hotel premises by the Administration authorises calls for explanation. Under the complicated conditions existing at the time of the Liberation, special arrangements were probably unavoidable. Today, a much clearer picture is discernible and there is a strong case for the re-opening of the whole matter. Nor can we see any ground for complaint by the managements. If our opinion were asked, we should say that they have had a very good innings.

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FRANCE'S WAR IS ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

By
JOHN FISHER

The Government falls, the trams stop, the steel workers knock off, the postmen don't knock at all, teachers cut classes, and revolutionary committees occupy workshops.

What was the background to the strike that brought France so low and made the people fearful of a civil war?

I went to Marseilles to find out, and I looked into the kitchens and larders of French families for the answers.

The Critical Age

To begin with, I would like first to introduce to you Emilio Goussot, whose blue beret is powdered with white flour from the Moulin de la Palud, on the edge of Marseilles.

He is tall, pecky-faced, and swarthy, and earns £22 a month washing wheat. (He works under police protection during the strike).

Emilio has almost reached the critical age of 25 when he must marry or pay a bachelor's tax of a quarter of his income. But he has a mother to keep and he can't afford to get married any more than he can afford to stay a bachelor.

He reckons that, of his £22 a month, £3 goes on taxes and social insurance and almost all the rest on food.

Because his father worked for 40 years in the mill he pays only 2s. a week rent, but milk costs 12s. 6d. a week, bread 17s. 6d., and an egg 1s. 3d.

His usual lunch is potato stew without fat. He has a 1s. 10d. bottle of wine once a week and smokes 70 cigarettes costing 6s. 10d. a week.

A half-cut once a month costs 2s. 6d. and the newspaper (Socialist) 2s. Electric treatment for his mother's rheumatism comes to 10s. a month.

A pound of meat a week each for his mother and himself comes to 15s., and a box of tomatoes

I found it hard to meet a contented Frenchman in Marseilles.

No Chicken

Even the hardened traveller, used to the whims of inflation, can well feel a tinge of discontent as he wanders along the Quai des Belges, Marseilles, looking at the wicker baskets of oysters and lemons that stand outside the waterside restaurants, for he knows that if he goes into one it will cost him 10s. 6d. for his bowl of bouillabaisse, and that even then there may be little more than a few cuts of eel floating in the brownish liquor instead of the more succulent poissons du golfe.

One morning, when I read an article in a paper called *France Dimanche* headed "These forces are at hand in case of civil war," I felt embarrassed.

But the author clearly had no such inhibitions and had made a careful study of his subject.

He reckoned that if a civil war were to break out (and he was wise enough not to take this for granted) 50 per cent. of the police would back France's Fourth Republic, 30 per cent. the Communists, and 20 per cent. de Gaulle.

Divided Forces

In the Army 50 per cent. would back the Government, 10 per cent. the Communists, and 40 per cent. de Gaulle.

On the hills immediately westward of the Tapingshan, Burials of Chinese are of daily occurrence; indeed I am induced to draw your attention to the subject by seeing this morning such a grave being opened within a dozen yards of the Queen's Road.

This, Mr. Editor, should not be; the locality alluded to, from its healthfulness, may hereafter become one of much desirability for European residences, and then, in desecrating the graves to erect them, the Chinese may act on precedent and strike at the head and front of the offending.

The best site for a Chinese Cemetery is on the hill westward of the Bay beyond that where the Parsees have got one, and the sooner the Chinese are compelled to bury their dead anywhere.

The answer, as everybody

knows who has ever listened to an ideological planner, is: By massed grouping and the elimination of the profit motive, combined with intensive mobility and high-spirited community singing at home.

Speaking to a bewildered audience of co-ordinating cheese-puddlers at Stilton recently, the Minister for Vulgar Fractions said: "The maximum of output can only be steadily increased beyond its highest or saturation point by establishing an efficient and scientific method of nationalising arithmetic, thereby allowing us to speed up the multiplication tables to suit our ever-growing needs."

"And even then," he added solemnly, "we can only hope to reach our targets if nobody buys anything and their boots don't wear out."

Incidentally, our own suggestion for escaping from such a world—a planned ant-hill crammed with frantic, all-mobile, all-producing, all-singing ants—in simplicity itself. It is compulsory *rigor mortis* all round.

QUESTION: My son has an empty chicken-but that he doesn't want, because all his chickens have died of starvation. May I move into it?

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1s. 10d. Cooking oil costs 3s. a week, potatoes at 7d. a lb. come to 8s. a week. Add to this healing and light and hidden extras which have forced Emilio to borrow from time to time from the firm.

It was King Henry IV's idea that every Frenchman should have a chicken in the pot from time to time, Emilio is one of the Frenchmen who is still chasing that chicken.

Now let's switch to the centre of Marseilles and consider the firm of Picon, which from orange skin, quinolin, gentian, and honey sugar, fabricates a number of agreeable aperitifs.

The chief accountant of this firm is Armed Vernin, who lives at 117, Boulevard Longchamp, and if any man can balance his budget it is surely he.

Here in a second-floor flat live the arch-enemies of the Communists—a middle-class bourgeois household. Every table is spotless.

Here is a family whose income, amounting to over £700 net, labels them as prosperous, yet they assist at the funeral of the French middle class.

They have had to sell their car, and go without a holiday for four years. M. Vernin, who used to buy two suits a year, has had one new one in seven years and, with an extra pair of trousers, it cost him £32.

By coincidence, the next day a goat grazing in a quarry near Marseilles drew its owner's attention to a Dunn of American rifles—62 of them—hidden under a tarpaulin.

De Gaulleists, as well as Communists, have the remains of their Resistance Movement to call on. The Communists are believed to have infiltrated the Air Force Police (which corresponds more or less to the R.A.F. Regiment), and the Navy is strongly Right-wing.

In Marseilles the ships in port have been paid off, not a tram postmen, postmen on their rounds have been threatened, there are patrols on the roads to puncture tyres, soldiers are needed to unload the flour on the quay.

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Near the station, in the Bourse du Travail, Lucien Molino, a large man with gold teeth and a red tie, and a blue shirt with a scrubby cuff, leads the Central Strike Committee.

Three of the four Commonwealth Nations who voted for partition—Australia, New Zealand, South Africa—have, through the wars, earned their vote on the future of Palestine.

In the first World War the Anzacs helped greatly to throw the Turks out, and in the last war all three were on hand at Alamein when it looked as though Rommel would be keeping his date with the Mufti of Jerusalem.

In the Holy City itself there's an Australian-New Zealand cemetery.

An Australia House official

gave me his view of why the Australian delegate voted for partition:

"Two complete generations of Australians have shed their blood in defence of the Holy Land, and it's about time the Jews and the Arabs took a bit of responsibility on their own shoulders."

"Partition is the hard way—so was storming the beaches at Gallipoli. If Hitler had beat us

He concludes that the Government might be strong enough to prevent a coup by either Communists or de Gaulleists alone, but with troops dispersed in Indo-China and North Africa it might not be possible to put down clashes between the two.

Only events can show how far speculations are justified, but they exist not only in the minds of the people of France.

When the riots broke out in Marseilles last month the Communist-led crowd not only stormed the Palais de Justice, but occupied the Town Hall and finally broke up the night-club district around the Place de l'Opera, breaking glass and unsettling many of the citizens who were perched on high stools.

Public dissatisfaction with the police was so great that two companies of the C.S.R. (police mobile guard) were dissolved.

Hidden Dumps

People believe that though the gendarmes are loyal enough the C.S.R. have been infiltrated by Communists.

One man whom I do not suspect of exaggerating told me he thought that from dumps hidden near Marseilles the Communists could arm 4,000 warriors.

By coincidence, the next day a goat grazing in a quarry near Marseilles drew its owner's attention to a Dunn of American rifles—62 of them—hidden under a tarpaulin.

De Gaulleists, as well as Communists, have the remains of their Resistance Movement to call on. The Communists are believed to have infiltrated the Air Force Police (which corresponds more or less to the R.A.F. Regiment), and the Navy is strongly Right-wing.

In Marseilles the ships in port have been paid off, not a tram postmen, postmen on their rounds have been threatened, there are patrols on the roads to puncture tyres, soldiers are needed to unload the flour on the quay.

None Content

I found it hard to meet a contented Frenchman in Marseilles.

Even the hardened traveller, used to the whims of inflation, can well feel a tinge of discontent as he wanders along the Quai des Belges, Marseilles, looking at the wicker baskets of oysters and lemons that stand outside the waterside restaurants, for he knows that if he goes into one it will cost him 10s. 6d. for his bowl of bouillabaisse, and that even then there may be little more than a few cuts of eel floating in the brownish liquor instead of the more succulent poissons du golfe.

One morning, when I read an article in a paper called *France Dimanche* headed "These forces are at hand in case of civil war," I felt embarrassed.

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U.S. Relief Bill Approved

Truman To Issue Message On Marshall Plan To Assist Europe

No Provision For Aid To China

Washington, Dec. 15. Congress today stamped its final approval on the US\$597,000,000 emergency foreign relief programme, clearing the decks for a message from President Truman later this week on the multi-billion dollar Marshall plan for long-range European economy.

The Senate and the House accepted without serious opposition the conference report compromising major differences between their separate bills authorizing emergency food and fuel assistance to France, Italy, Austria and China this winter.

The bill now goes to the President for his signature and Congress will adjourn on Friday for the holidays.

During the days of debate the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee (Senator Styles Bridges) asked Senator Arthur Vandenberg if his Committee should re-open its hearings to study an appropriation for China.

Senator Vandenberg replied that he thought not since "there is at present no available plan for the use of money in China under this act except as supplemental relief under the post-UNRRA relief bill."

He said he understood the House Appropriations Committee would not ask for funds under this act at this time but that authority for aid to China would be held over until a programme arrived from the State Department.

Out Of Harmony

"We have been out of harmony with the United States' official attitude toward China for some time and have repeatedly urged action in that regard," he said.

"We welcomed Mr. Marshall's suggestion that a plan for China was being drafted. I think that is a sound reason for postponing Congressional action until the plan arrives, but I also believe that since the House opened the door in identifying China as an essential beneficiary of United States attention, it would be

highly liable to misunderstanding if we slammed the door by defeating China."

Senator Tom Connally said the situation in China was bad and he argued that the two countries contemplated under this bill were not similar. He claimed that China's US\$348,000,000 available to China under the post-UNRRA bill was sufficient to tide the country over on relief needs until a long-range programme could be approved.

Bungled Policy

He added, "China and the United States have been friends since time immemorial and there is no tendency to shut her off from our assistance. I am sure the State Department plan will envisage and encompass all critical problems in that area."

Senator Bridges said he believed the government "for years has bungled policy in China" and he was "glad they are finally going to do something in an organized way."

Senator Claude Pepper of Florida protested that while "there has been an element of error in Chinese policy", he thought the hesitation was "because of feeling that the present Government is unworthy of our trust."

Senator Pepper added that he did not want to see the United States take sides in the present civil war in China because he thought one side as bad as the other.

Sole Hope

Senator Vandenberg said possibly the Government was corrupt but "Chiang has been the sole hope for democracy in China for a long time in his courageous fight."

He then said, "I agree there should be progress toward liberalization of the Central Government in China, but to enforce a coalition is an impossible undertaking because Communists never enter a coalition with any other purpose than to destroy the government."

Senator Pepper said, "I do not want to see China turned into another Spain, with the world lining up on two sides of an internal war," and Senator Bridges retorted that that might be true, but "I don't want to see China turned into another satellite either." — United Press.

U.S. RICE FOR FAR EAST

Washington, Dec. 16. The Agriculture Department said today that it had purchased 30,190,000 pounds of American rice for Korea, China and the Dutch East Indies.

It said the rice came from Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas. — Associated Press.

Cripps' Analysis Tomorrow

London, Dec. 15. Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, today outlined to the Cabinet the analysis he will give Parliament on Thursday of the projected £180,000,000 cuts in capital expenditure of Britain's economy drive.

Sir Stafford's speech will cover a wide field and will deal with such questions as the balance of payments and Britain's gold reserves.

Hearings To Consider China

Washington, Dec. 15. The Senate Appropriations Committee last night called hearings to consider China's needs.

Chairman Bridges, New Hampshire Republican, said that officials of the State Department and of the American-China Policy Association have been asked to testify on Wednesday morning on the needs of China for interim aid to March 31.

Although the House has not yet acted on its appropriations bill implementing foreign relief authorisation, Bridges' group ended hearings on European countries last Friday.

An inquiry into the State Department's policy in respect to relief for China will be made by the Appropriations Committee before further funds are voted for China, Bridges said in a statement. An investigation also will be made of the present relief shipments to China to determine the amount of additional relief needed for the remainder of the year.

China has not been presented to Congress during the emergency session as a nation in need of immediate relief, nor has the State Department furnished any estimate of China's requirement, save for the tentative figure of US\$600,000,000, which was furnished by Secretary of State Marshall at an early House hearing. — Associated Press.

The Government decree announced the move charged the British owners, Royal Dutch Shell and Phocoil Oil and Transport, with "bad will, deficient production and theft of oil from Government subsides."

The decree, published in the official gazette, said: "An administrator of survey is appointed for each of the companies by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce."

Government quarters said the administrator would have final jurisdiction over any company policies. — United Press.

Demand For Barter Agreements

LONDON, DEC. 15. THE BRITISH UNION OF MANUFACTURERS TODAY CALLED ON GOVERNMENT TO CONCLUDE BILATERAL OR BARTER TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE MARKETS FOR BRITISH EXPORTERS.

The deputation of the organisation which saw Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, drew his attention to the restrictions that were imposed on imports of British goods by many countries including Belgium, Denmark, France, Greece, Holland, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden.

There was an almost complete embargo in India and Pakistan.

Difficulties were also being experienced in the United States and South America, particularly Argentina and the Middle East. Egypt and Turkey were all reported difficult or impossible for a long list of widely varied goods.

The deputation stated that trade agreements would also assure British exporters of their supplies of raw materials.

— Reuter.

Rumania Takes Over British Oil Companies

BUCHAREST, DEC. 16. THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY TOOK OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TWO LARGEST BRITISH-CONTROLLED OIL COMPANIES, ASTRA-ROMANA AND UNIREA.

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Campaign For Unity In Europe

Paris, Dec. 16. An International Committee for European Unity was formed in Paris this weekend to "coordinate and concert action in the international field" in a campaign for the cause of European unity.

The bodies represented were the United Europe Movement (Chairman, Mr. Winston Churchill), the French Council for a United Europe (Chairman, M. Edouard Herriot, former French Premier), the Independent League of European Cooperation (Chairman, M. Paul Van Zeeland, former Belgian Prime Minister) and the European Union of Federalists (Chairman, Dr. Henri Brugmans, Dutch Socialist deputy).

The British United Europe Movement was represented on the International Committee by Mr. Duncan Sandys, former Minister of Works, and son-in-law of Mr. Churchill, who became Chairman of the Executive, Lord Layton, the well-known Liberal and Chairman of the Liberal newspaper, the News Chronicle, and the Rev. Gordon Lang, Labour Member of Parliament.

The other European Executive members are: For France, M. Paul Bastid, Radical deputy and former Minister of Commerce; for Belgium, M. Paul Van Zeeland; for The Netherlands, Dr. Henri Brugmans, Dutch Socialist deputy and former Commissioner for Information. — Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 16. The Saar Consultative Assembly today adopted unanimously, minus one Communist vote, all the clauses of the agreement with France, under which the new constitution of the Saar territory comes into effect. — Reuter.

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Arabs in this photograph are seen burning goods taken from Jewish homes in Jerusalem after the buildings had been set on fire during demonstrations over the plan to partition Palestine. This picture was rushed to London by air and there put on another plane for Hong Kong. (AP Photo)

Doctors Petition On Mercy Killings

NEW YORK, Dec. 16. IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE TODAY THAT MORE THAN 1,000 PHYSICIANS HAVE SIGNED A PETITION ASKING THE NEW YORK LEGISLATURE TO LEGALIZE VOLUNTARY DEATH FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM INCURABLE DISEASE.

The physicians demanded, in a petition sent to all legislators, that euthanasia be brought into the open and safeguarded against abuse.

They said many incurable sufferers now sought release by suicide and others were "secretly put out of their misery by relatives who can no longer stand the sight of their pain and who are willing to render themselves liable to the penalty for murder."

The physicians proposed a plan under which euthanasia would be authorized by the court which, on receipt of a signed petition from the sufferer, would appoint a medical committee to investigate and make a recommendation.—Unit- ed Press.

Radioactive Poison To Be Tested On Pacific Isle

Washington, Dec. 16.

The United States atomic weapon proving ground in the remote Pacific will provide opportunity for the first field test of radioactive poison warfare.

Because secrecy surrounding the project is of the same high order as that for the atomic bomb, and bacterial warfare, military officials are not in a position to say how far research has pro-

gressed nor talk of any planned tests.

However, any work done on utilisation of radiological poison necessarily has been limited so far to laboratory room observation and the calcu-

lation by scientists of those observations to estimate the possible results of actual release of contaminated material over a wide area.

It might be possible then to say definitely whether or not it was new. The nucleus appeared to be growing fainter, he said, but the tail remained strong.—Reuter.

Comet Still Visible

Wellington, Dec. 15. The Director of the Carter Observatory here said today that the comet which has been flashing through the southern skies for the last week appears to be keeping pace with the sun and that there would be sufficient data by the week-end to plot its path.

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HENLEY REGATTA

London, Dec. 15. The Henley Royal Regatta, 1948, will take place on June 30, July 1, 2 and 3. This was fixed at the annual meeting of the Regatta Stewards.—Reuter.



The Pacific atoll of Eniwetok has been selected as the site of an elaborate "atomic testing ground" by the United States Government. This aerial view was made after a U.S. Navy bombing assault on the island on February 21st, 1944. (AP Photo)

son other than the bomb itself. Lack of a testing ground, safely removed from populated areas, presumably has been the major factor.

Contamination

Eniwetok atoll, in the Marshalls Island group, will provide this.

The Atomic Energy Commission, taking care to be no more specific than to mention "atomic weapons," notes that the atoll is isolated, with "hundreds of miles of open seas in the direction in which winds might carry radioactive particles."

Scientists have suggested a variety of means for contaminating an area—and populations—with the silent, invisible but deadly death of radioactive material. Included have been oil spray, dust and litter carrying agencies, easily charged with radioactive particles—by product of an atomic energy plant. Such agents could be conveyed easily by aircraft or missile, or projected by rocket.

While Eniwetok will be used for what the commission describes as a "wide range" of experiments, immediate interest

application of atomic energy has asked for new tests to use as a check against their pencil and paper computations, indicating that progress has been made in bettering the efficiency rate of the bomb.

The recent formal announcement by the commission that construction has started on installations at Eniwetok may be viewed as a decision to let the bomb makers conduct the desired check on their progress.—Associated Press.

Symbolism Offends Congregation

Munich, Dec. 16. Stained glass portraits of the "Nazis' Holy Trinity"—Hitler, Goering and Goebbels—executed St. Castulus, are to be removed from St. Martin's Cathedral Church at Landshut, Bavaria, by the Archbishop of Munich, who assured the military Government.

The scene, which represents Hitler as the executioner and his two Nazi assistants taking the lives of the saints, has been removed from the racks. This follows the removal of portraits from the cathedral churchgoers since 1940 when it first appeared in the church.—Reuter.

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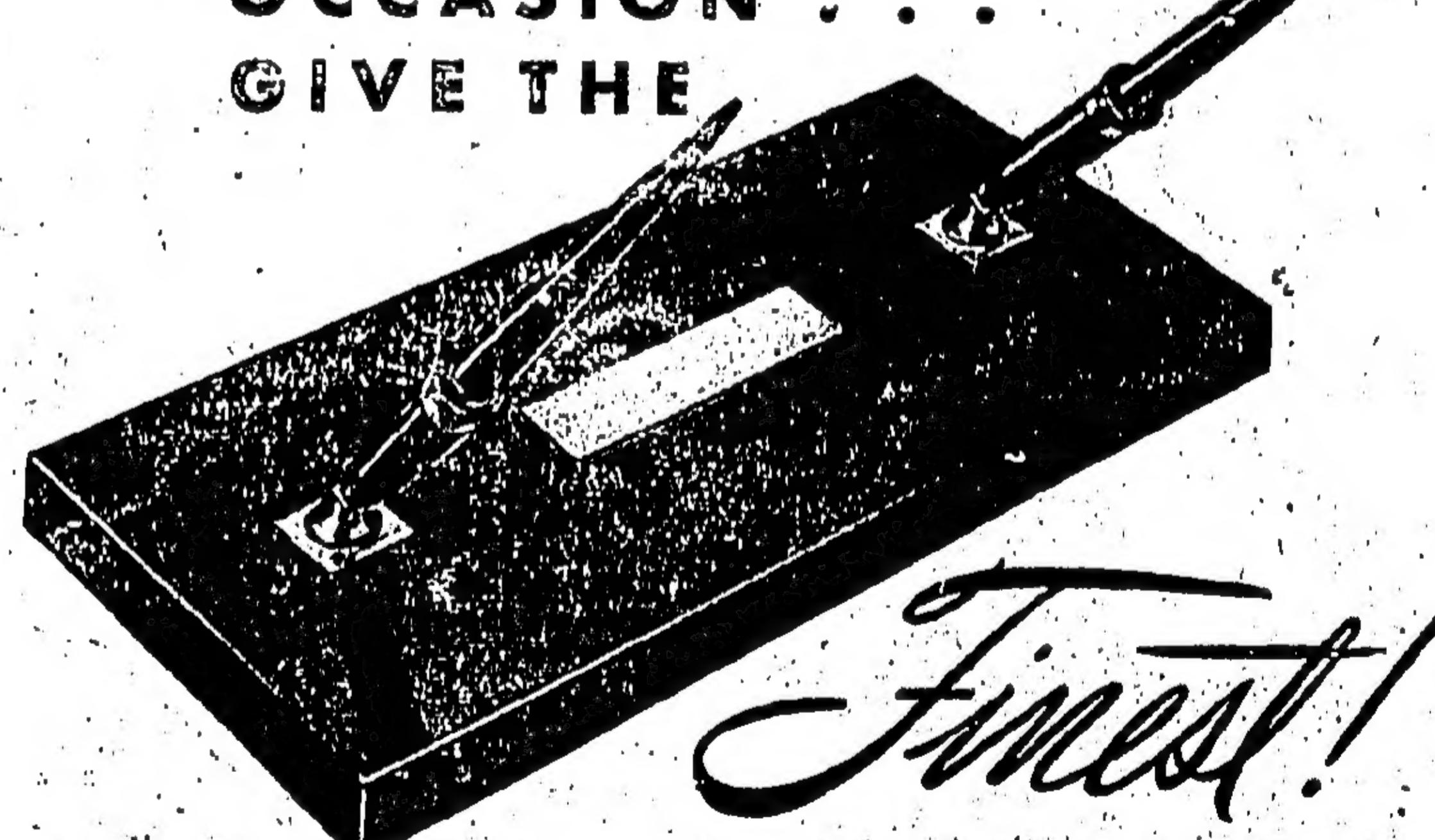
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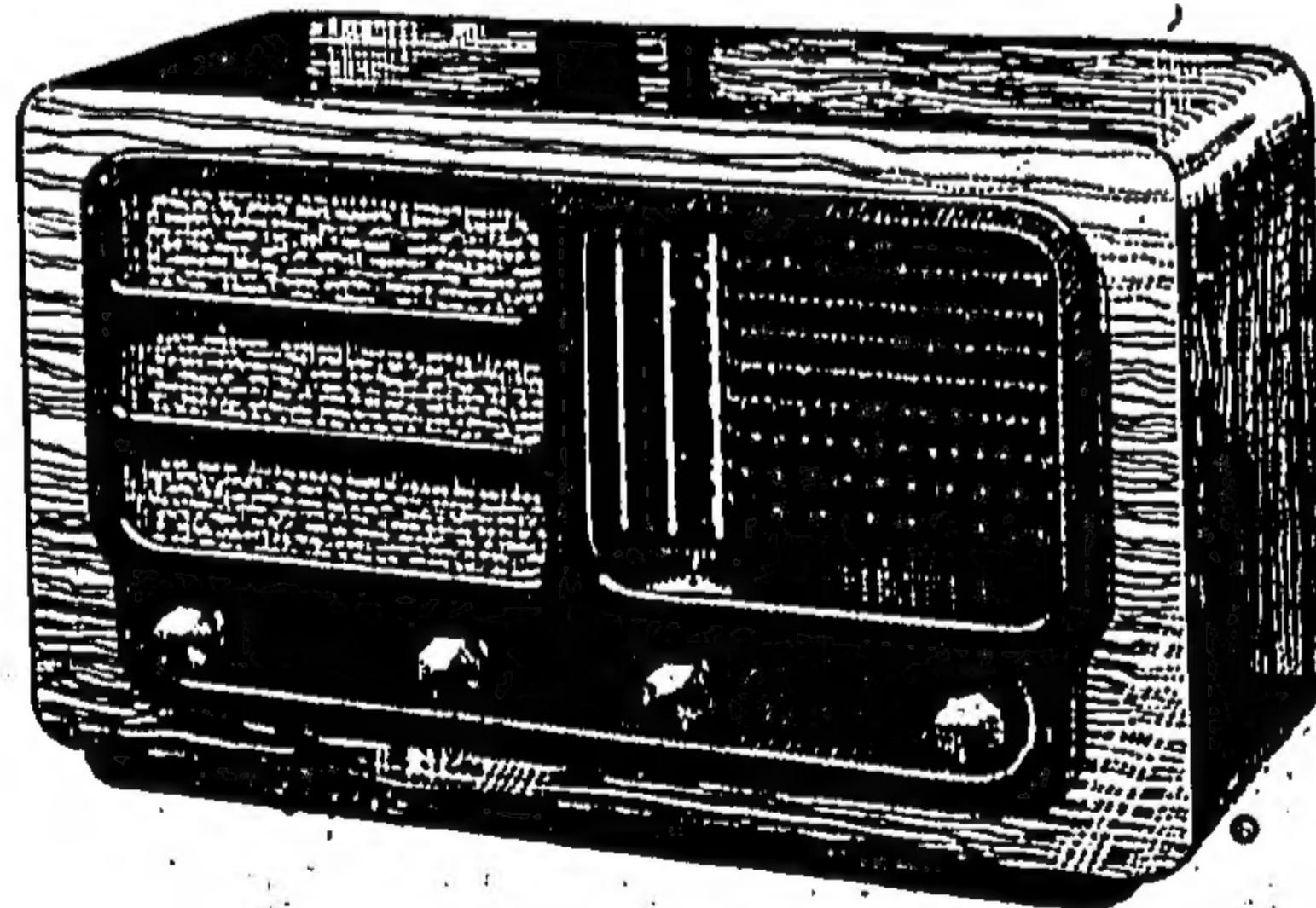
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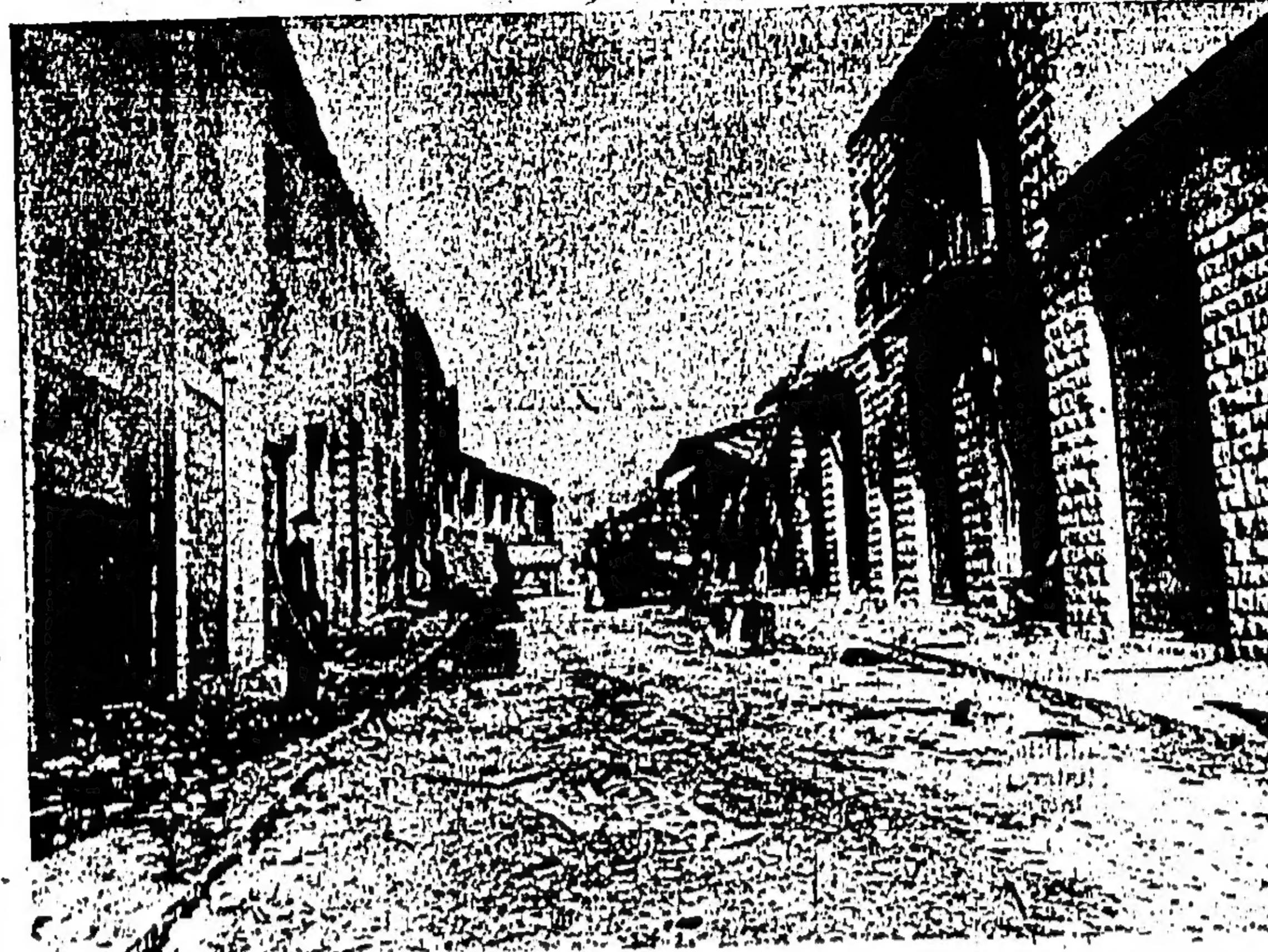
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British Troops Leaving



Taken only a few days ago, this picture is of a pillaged street in the commercial centre of Jerusalem, Arab mobs, infuriated by the Palestine "Partition Plan," looted and burned Jewish shops which lined this road. (AP Photo)

Jewish Guard Takes Over Duties In Several Districts

Jerusalem, Dec. 15. British forces are expected to have completed their scheduled withdrawal from the Jewish areas of Tel-Aviv, Ramat Gan and Petah Tiqva by midnight tonight, it was officially stated here.

A 500-strong force of Jewish civil guard—the Mishmar Haam—will begin taking over security duties tomorrow in this area, a quadrangle in which roughly two-thirds of the Palestine Jewish population lives.

This Jewish force will also be responsible for patrolling five Arab villages, with a population of 5,000 in the area.

A solitary British armoured car is guarding the former security stronghold at Sarona, on Tel-Aviv's boundaries, most British police having already withdrawn to the "No Man's Land" between Tel-Aviv and Arab Jaffa.

A dusk-to-dawn curfew in this restless area between the two cities is still being enforced by British troops.

Bazaar Rumours

Rumours sweeping the bazaars of Jerusalem's Old City today reported the secret return to Palestine of Abdul Khader Husseini, a kinsman of the exiled Mufti and a former Arab guerrilla leader in the 1937 disturbances. He was here, the rumours said, to organise active Arab resistance to the partition of the country.

Haganah Claim

The Jewish defence organisation, Haganah, claimed today to have destroyed an Arab forward defence position and to have inflicted casualties when gun duels between Arabs and Jews south of Holon, in the Jaffa district, were renewed this morning.

Meanwhile, a spokesman of the Jewish Agency announced today that the demand for the immediate withdrawal of the Arab Legion, if not from all Palestine, then to Arab areas in the Holy Land, will be made by its representatives in Jerusalem, London and Washington within the next 24 hours, following the killing yesterday by Arab Legion troops of 12 Jews and the wounding of 10 others.

From Cairo, Reuter reports that Arab League leaders, including the Secretary-General, Azzam Pasha, and the Mufti of Jerusalem, met there for two hours today. The delegates declined to make any statement after the meeting, from which the Premiers of Transjordan and Iraq were absent.—Reuter.

NIMITZ RESIGNS

Washington, Dec. 15. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, wartime commander of the United States Pacific Fleet, resigned from his post as Chief of Naval Operations today, after 42 years in the U.S. Navy.

Admiral Nimitz left Washington for San Francisco, where he will be stationed as a special adviser to Mr. John L. Sullivan, the Secretary for the Navy.—Reuter.

STAGE CLUB

This week there will be two casting meetings for forthcoming productions: tonight at 8:30 for the "Ugly Duckling," a radio play to be produced by Bill Cole, and on Friday, at 8:30 for the next stage play, a comedy with a large cast to be produced by Remaldo Obilata. Both of these meetings will be held at the studios to Seamen's (next to the China Fleet Club) and interested are cordially invited to attend.

Italian Cabinet Reshuffle

ROME, DEC. 15.
SIGNOR RANDOLFO RACCIARDI AND SIGNOR GIUSEPPE SARAGAT, LEADERS OF THE REPUBLICANS AND RIGHT WING SOCIALISTS, RESPECTIVELY, HAVE JOINED SIGNOR LUIGI EINAUDI AS ITALIAN VICE-PREMIERS IN THE EXPECTED RESHUFFLE OF SIGNOR ALCIDE DE GASPERI'S CABINET.

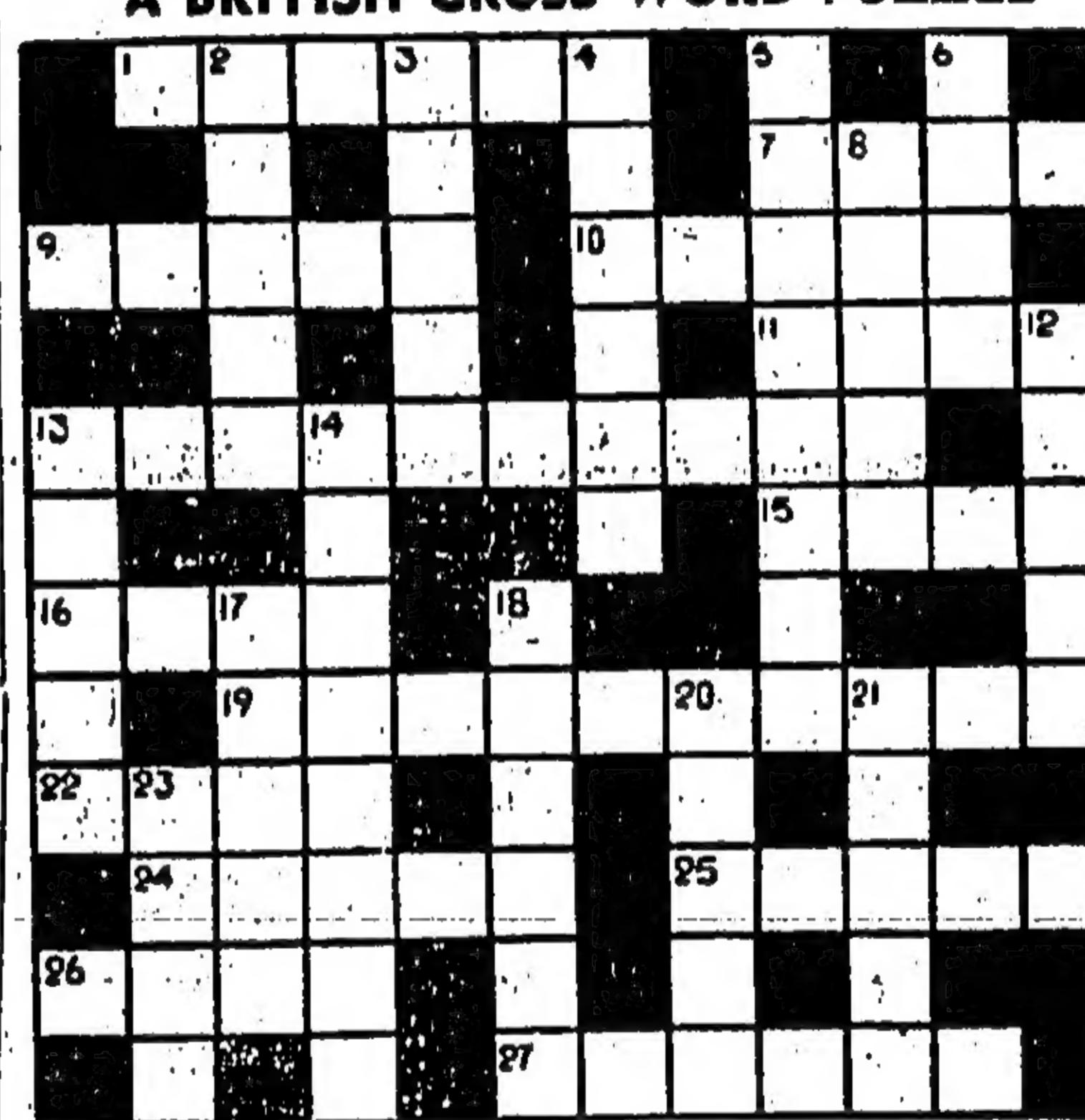
Signor Cipriano Facchetti (Republican) becomes Minister of Defence; Signor Ludovico Daragona (right wing Socialist) Minister of Post and Telecommunications; and Signor Roberto Tremelloni (right wing Socialist) Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The present Minister of Defence, Signor Mario Cingolani, and the present Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, Signor Umberto Merlin, have been dropped from the Cabinet, but the Christian Democrat, Signor Giuseppe Togni, lately Minister for Industry and Commerce, remains in the Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio.

The new Ministers will be sworn in tonight by the President of the Republic, Signor Enrico de Nicola, after the Prime Minister has announced the new Ministers to the National Assembly.

It was understood here that one of the first things to be decided by the new Cabinet, which will have the support of 320 out of the Assembly's 650 Deputies, will be the postponement of the forthcoming general elections from March 7 next year to April 4.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 1 Frightened.
- 2 Hang on.
- 3 Feeling.
- 4 Requisition.
- 5 Twitter.
- 6 Substitution.
- 7 Flower.
- 8 Delighted.
- 9 Climb.
- 10 Damp.
- 11 Statue.
- 12 Orifice.
- 13 Evaded.
- 14 Catalogue.
- 15 Reposition.
- 16 Talon.
- 17 Ascend.
- 18 Nobleman.
- 19 Renewed.
- 20 Trifles.
- 21 Banish.
- 22 Direct.
- 23 Seam.
- 24 Tact.
- 25 Com. in.
- 26 Vegetable.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across—1 Remiss, 4 Psalm, 7 Teclum, 8 Signs, 10 Roar, 12 Buñiles, 15 Tenor, 16 Lilt, 17 Eton, 19 Onset, 20 Direct, 21 Seam, 23 Tact, 24
- Down—2 Returned, 3 Mediator, 5 Swindler, 6 Lintel, 9 Turns, 11 Renewing, 12 Booth, 13 Literate, 14 Stampede, 15 Tirade, 22 File.

Mirage, 23 Verge, 26 Reverse.

Down—1 Retired, 2 Mediator, 3 Sour, 5 Swindler, 6 Lintel, 9 Turns, 11 Renewing, 12 Booth, 13 Literate, 14 Stampede, 15 Tirade, 22 File.

Clues Down

- 2 Hang on.
- 3 Drive back.
- 4 Substitution.
- 5 Got better.
- 6 Thrashed.
- 7 Threaten.
- 8 Suppose.
- 9 Ascend.
- 10 Requisition.
- 11 Renewed.
- 12 Banish.
- 13 Souvenir.
- 14 Inconvenient.
- 15 Threaten.
- 16 Nobleman.
- 17 Ascend.
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DEMOCRATS DEFEAT BILL TO CURB U. S. INFLATION

Washington, Dec. 15. The Democrats today defeated the Republican Party's attempt to push its anti-inflation legislation through the House of Representatives without amendment as a substitute for President Truman's 10-point anti-inflation programme.

The vote for the bill was 202 against 188 votes, with not a single Democrat voting in favour, but a two-thirds majority was required for passage under the procedure which would have barred all amendments.

The defeat of the Republicans' attempt at "steam roller tactics" increased doubts whether the present special session of Congress—ending this week—will enact legislation at all to cope with domestic inflation. The anti-inflation legislation of the Republicans was a "take it or leave it" proposal, the party leaders' decreeing that there were to be no attempts to amend the bill they had submitted and that if it were not approved, no other anti-inflation legislation would even be discussed this session.

The "no amendment" rule which needs a two-thirds majority, was proposed partly to ensure speed and partly to avoid a prolonged discussion of the price situation.

Anti-Trust

It was aimed, in particular, in averting a threat, voiced in many influential quarters, to amend the extension of export controls to put off the continued shipment of goods to Russia.

The bill also provided for the temporary setting aside of the anti-trust laws so that industry could cooperate voluntarily to distribute scarce materials and products where they were most needed and an extension of the Administration's power to allocate transport facilities.

The Democrats had complained that the bill contained no price and wage control or rationing proposals, without which President Truman had said that no programme could be effective.

The Decision

The debate foreshadowed protracted discussions expected next year over probably the biggest issue of the 1948 presidential elections.

In view of Russia's action to halt inflation, the decision of Congress here, observers believed, would inevitably be used as an indication of the effectiveness of the contrasting forms of Government.

What Congress had to decide was whether the American form of Government could act as effectively and thus give a reality to its biggest weapon—the Marshall plan—in continuing the economic struggle in Europe.—Reuter.

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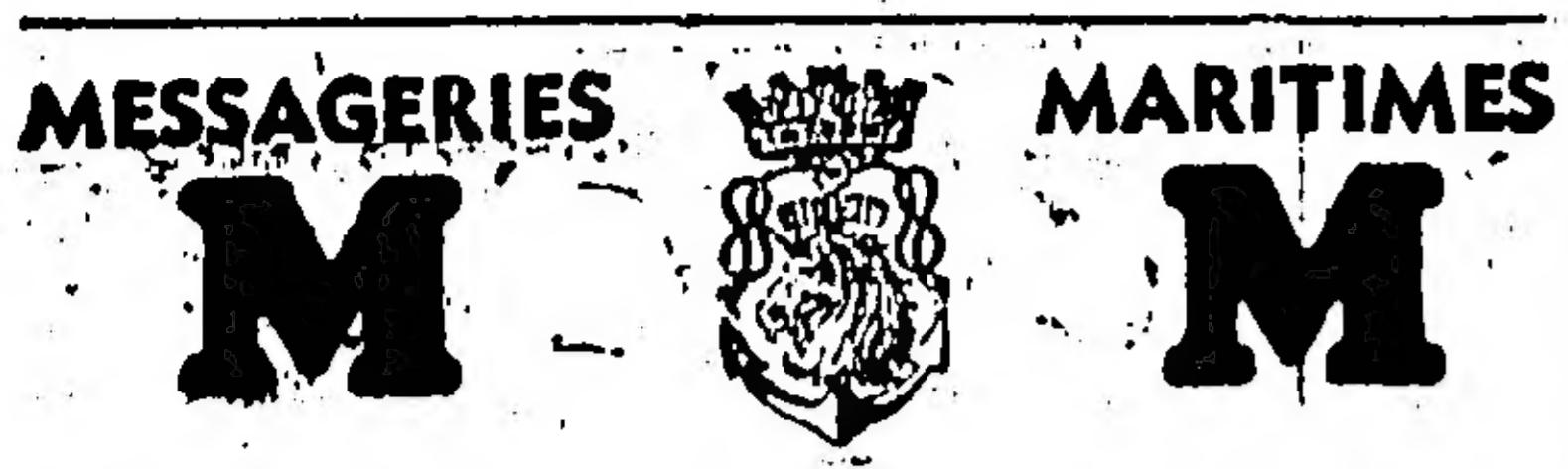
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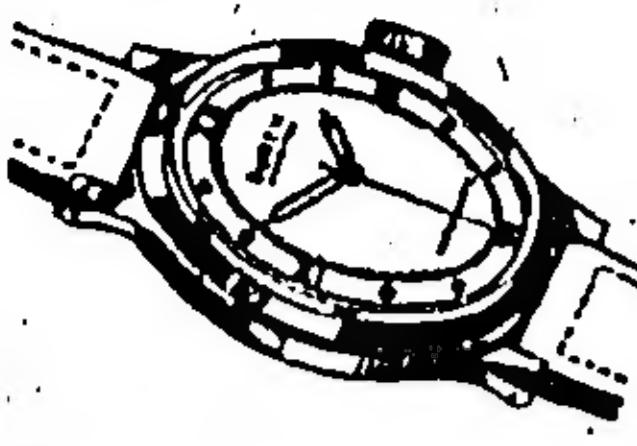
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KANE WINS VERDICT

Retains Bantam Championship

FOOD GIFTS FOR BRITISH ATHLETES

London, Dec. 15. An offer from Vancouver to supply 30 food parcels each week for the British Olympic track and field "possibles" has been accepted.

A list of the recipients has been drawn up and the first parcels are expected to arrive in a few weeks. The Amateur Athletic Board's list of possibles numbers nearly 200.

It is hoped soon to make similar arrangements with other cities and towns in the British Empire.—Reuter.

F.A. CUP HOLDERS AT HOME

London, Dec. 15. The F.A. Cup Third Round draw has produced a great match for the Cup holders, Charlton Athletic, for they receive Newcastle United, the glamourous Second Division promotion hunters whom Charlton beat in the semi-finals at Leeds last season by 4-0.

Burnley defeated the finalists in April and should make a good start in their effort to go one better this time for they are at home to Third Division opposition in Aldershot or Swindon.

The draw has favoured big clubs, for only in two of the 32 ties does a First Division side clash, Aston Villa and Grimsby being at home to Manchester United and Everton, respectively.

This means that it is possible for 20 First League clubs to survive to the fourth round.

Altogether 13 First Division sides have ground advantage.

Ambitious Colchester United, the only non-league club definitely in the Third Round, have drawn First Division opponents in Huddersfield, a game which should give them a chance to prove themselves worthy of League status.—Reuter.

London Treasures Set A Problem

London, Dec. 15. Disposal of the treasures of the old India Office in Whitehall, which include rare manuscripts, pictures by famous artists, and reliques, records and furniture of the East India Company will be discussed in London by a British, India and Pakistan Governments fact-finding committee.

Sir David Monteath, formerly Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the India Office, will preside over the committee, which will prepare a statement of the contents of the building,

ARMY TENNIS

The final of the Army Open Singles Knock-out Tennis Tournament will take place at Flagstaff House at 3 p.m. today. The Finalists are: Lt. Col. J.R. Tilmer-Bennett, M.C.; Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers; and 2/Lt. J. Newton, Royal Artillery.

By kind permission of the G.O.C. Land Forces, Maj. Gen. G.W.E.J. Erskine CB, DSO, anyone wishing to see the match may enter the grounds of Flagstaff House for the purpose.

The Officials are: Umpire—Lt. Col. M.C.D. Reynolds O.B.E.; Linesmen—Major R.D. Coote, Capt. R.G.E. Tibble, S.Q.M.S., V.J. Merry, A.N. Other.

CANTABS WIN

London, Dec. 16. Rugby Union Match: Northampton 11, Cambridge University 17.—Reuter.

Peter Kane retained his bantamweight title by outpointing Joe Cornelius of Belgium over 15 rounds here tonight.

Manchester, Dec. 15. In the fourteenth he landed three times with his left and Cornelius appeared worried but he lasted over the fifteenth round by the effective use of long lefts which poked into Kane's face.

In another fight here, Jackie Paterson, world British Empire and British flyweight champion, beat Al Chavez, Mexican-American from California, on points over ten rounds.

Both men weighed in at eight stone four pounds.—Reuter.

Weathermen In The Antarctic

LONDON, DEC. 15.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. ARTHUR CRESCHE JONES, TODAY ATTENDED THE RENAMING CEREMONY OF THE 1,200-TON SHIP JOHN BISCOE, WHICH, ON THURSDAY, WILL SAIL FOR THE FALKLAND ISLANDS WITH A PARTY OF 25 SCIENTISTS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS.

The expedition belongs to the Falkland Islands Dependencies Survey, established in 1943, to explore the snow-bound islands and Antarctic mainland.

Formerly a naval vessel, the John Biscoe has had her broad bow and wooden hull specially strengthened and is equipped with quick-lifting winches for journeying through pack ice to reach British meteorological stations in the Antarctic.

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Carol Concert At University

In the last few rounds, however, Kane was more successful and landed several times with both hands.

Paterson Wins

In the first two rounds Kane was forced to miss with some right counters and Cornelius scored in the third with lefts at short range. Neither landed really telling blows in the first four rounds but in the fifth Kane landed one to the stomach and head.

Early in the sixth Kane's head was knocked back and in countering he found the Belgian's defence sound. The Belgian rushed Kane to the ropes with two-fisted attacks towards the end of this round and in the next surprised Kane by fighting back when Kane tried to crowd the Belgian. There were really no heavy blows landed, however, but in the ninth Kane really shook Cornelius with a right uppercut and in the tenth Kane was fighting better than previously though he was still unable to force his way through the Belgian's guard.

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Johnny Morris (left), Manchester United's inside right, leaps high and beats John Harris (Chelsea's centre half, captain) to the ball, during a duel for the ball in front of the Chelsea goal. Chelsea won 4-0. (AP Photo)

ARAB MILITARY TALKS ON BATTLE PLANS

Cairo, Dec. 16.

Highly secret Arab military talks regarding action in Palestine have been held in Cairo during the past three days.

The talks, which ended today, drew up "battle plans" for the Palestine Arabs in the light of the assistance pledged by the Arab League States.

Emir Feisal, of Saudi Arabia, was absent from tonight's meeting owing to a slight cold.

The talks were conducted by a secret military committee appointed by the League Council. No communiqué was issued.

The Egyptian newspaper Akbar El Yom today claimed that a British plan "for the settlement of all differences between Britain and the Arab world" was being brought here by air from London by General Nuri Es Said Pasha, President of the Iraqi Chamber and former Iraqi Premier.

The plan, the paper said, was based on proposals by British policy makers and was being considered by the British Foreign Office.

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CHINA MERCHANTS CELEBRATE

Celebrating the Company's 75th Anniversary, the Directors of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company gave a cocktail party at the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel last night.

The concert will consist of carols by the choir, interspersed with community singing. It is hoped that on this occasion of the revival of a good custom there will be a large turn out to enjoy this fitting commencement of Christmas week.

There will be collection, the proceeds of which, after meeting necessary expenditure, will be equally divided between the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind.

There are also contemporary paintings of Warren Hastings and Lord Clive of India, and such famous painters as Sir Joshua Reynolds are represented in the collection.

The objects of art—as distinct from the manuscripts, books and paintings—were transferred to London's South Kensington Museum many years ago, but the India Office collection includes a vast number of books.

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